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22 August 1950

The Honorable Edward W. Barrett Assistant Secretary of State Washington, B. C.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Your wire of congratulations was most thoughtful and I am very grateful.

This promises to be as difficult as anything I have yet undertaken and I will need a great deal of help to make a success of it. I know the kind of effective support which I can expect from the Department and am counting heavily on this to see me through.

With kindest regards,

15 Bedell Smith